Mobile Phone Towers

*175. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are extending/propose to extend subsidy for setting up mobile phone towers to private cellular mobile service providers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this as subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) Subsidy is proposed to be extended to eligible companies, whether from the public or private sector, which emerge successful in the bidding process.

(b) For provision of mobile services in rural and remote areas of the country, subsidy support is proposed to be provided for shareable components like land, tower, power connection, power back up, boundary wall etc. and for non-shareable components like outdoor Base Transceiver Station with antennas and a portion of the backhaul. The infrastructure shall be created in those specified areas where there is no existing wireless coverage and shall be shared amongst three telecom service providers

The sharing of the infrastructure so created will result in lower capital cost and operating expenditure for the telecom service providers. It will promote competition and help in providing better mobile services at competitive rates to the rural subscribers.

(c) The actual amount of subsidy will depend on the assessment of service providers and their response to the tender. However, based on first projections this amount is estimated at Rs. 4000 crore.

Vehicles launched by ISRO

*176. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the total number of vehicles launched by ISRO since 1980;

(b) the number of failures;

(c) in what manner the failure compare with international standard; and

(d) what steps would be taken to improve the success rate of launches of space vehicles and rockets, etc. by ISRO in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Twenty vehicles have been flown since 1980 including the recent flight of GSLV-F02. Out of these, 4 flights have been failures.

(c) During the development phase of complex launch vehicles, since 1979, there were 3 failures in 8 launches. The failure rate of our operational launchers PSLV and GSLV is low-2 out of 13 launches (about 15.38%). Failure rates of launchers vary from country to country and are in the range of 7% to 17% for major space faring nations.

(d) A Failure Analysis Committee (FAC) has been set up with experts from ISRO, academia and national research laboratory to ascertain the reasons of failure. The Committee is expected to submit its findings within one month. The corrective measures would be formulated after the FAC submits its findings.

Recommendations of Expert Committee

*177. SHRI DHARM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the specific recommendations of the Tejinder Khanna Committee on unauthorised constructions regarding allowing/regularizing and additional dwelling unit besides the three dwelling units presently allowed on residential plots;

(b) the stand of Government with regard to these recommendations of the Committee;

(c) the action taken to accept and notify the recommendations to bring relief to the residents of Delhi at the earliest; and

(d) whether the recommendations would be incorporated in the New Master Plan for 2021 and by when the new plan is likely to be notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) In its Report submitted to the Government on 13.5.2006, the Tejendra Khanna Committee has expressed the view that in order to deal with the unauthorised construction, compounding fee can be imposed for extra coverage of floor area and for violation of height restrictions and building an additional floor or part thereof, a severer scale of penalty/special compounding